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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ____ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. X If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.